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Ye be-hollied staff of the PRICKED EAR extends the merriest Christmas greetings, and hopes that the new year will bless you all with love, friendship, and a peaceful heart.

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This is December, and the days to Christmas shorten. Almost as quickly, the holiday will become a memory serving to make us anticipate next year's season. What is so very special, so memorable and so illuminating about Christmas?

We may quickly answer it is because of the two-week respite from academic responsibilities; but we all feel there is much more to the spirit of Christmas. Now is the season of gayness, jollity, mirth. It is a universal attitude that unites all men in a common spirit of friendliness. We perceive all around us that a strange change from the normal course of events is occurring. Good fellowship replaces animosity, employer and employee are companions of the finest kind. the poor and the rich share bread, the adult is as gleeful as the child.

The joy of Christmas abounds but for a short time only, but it is time enough to fashion treasures from its golden moments. Nature, too, recognizes the moment's exaltation; she enrobes the winter earth with snow's pure white veil. The frosty air is brisk with a playful jest, and the starry nights arch over the earth with a crystal brilliance. The star of Bethlehem, even in emulation, betokens the heaven's distant beauty on Christmas eve.

Countryside and city are at this minute transformed into mirrors of ornamental colors. Attending the twinkling bulbs are countless Santas; red and silver wreathes adorn windows and doors, and we know that those homes must be warmed with good will, and cozy with the sound of laughter. There is the decorated spruce or pine, gifts to astonish the children and delight the givers, hot rum and carols to provide the warmth of sociability, and mistletoe to allow the lips of lovers to taste each other's warmth.

The inspiration of Christmas is perhaps the most permanently beautiful tradition we possess. Music inspires man as no other of his creations, and through music he describes the magnificence of the meaning of Christmas. The timeless Hymns and chorales ring through our entire bodies in the double exaltation of music and closeness to God.

As long as man can love, Christmas will bring his closest approach to perfection, until he joins the angels.

M.R.

## A NOTE FROM SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER:

If you're asked sometime in the future to chair a Gryphon party, you could do worse than to ask people like Mike Gordon, Nick LaPara, Dave Blanchard, George Dolan, John "Santa" Harmon, Tom Gott, Bill Freed, Denny Mulherin, Bernie Oppel, Si Morse, Ray Wolfgang, and John Hackworth to help you carry things to a rousingly successful conclusion. If last Sunday's Christmas Party was a success (and I guess it was if laughter is any indication), the thanks of the Gryphons really belongs to these men. Mike Gordon, incidentally, provided the lights, and John Harmon the firewood. A special note of thanks go to our chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. William Kenawell. Personally, I am grateful for the grand turnout and the fine spirit of all the Gryphons, and I thank you for your support. (By the way, it wasn't mouthwash, but equal parts of cranberry juice and ginger ale, and it's called "Christmas Punch".)

H.C.T.



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COME ONE, COME ALL!  
MARVELOUS MAGIC LANTERN SHOW!

Tonight at 7 P.M. on the 4th floor UC, all who desire can be magically transported to the Vaterland via Jim Dinkey's slide-lecture combination. (Actually, it's all done with mirrors!)

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FUZZY'S FORUM:

I would like to remind you of Mr. Henry Rau, who has for years provided a great deal of help to students who are in need of expert tutoring in mathematics and related fields. To quote from a note from Dean Leith, "... (his) educational purposes are so much in line with Lehigh's that he even maintains a 'selective admissions' basis for admitting boys to his list. If, however, you know of well-intentioned boys -- perhaps with limited ability but honest problems in learning... (he) has had fine successes in finding out 'why?' in time, and in pushing their flywheels off dead center." Contact Mr. Rau at 38 West Market Street, UN 6-2373. Students make their own arrangements.

Correction on Dr. Orr's talk. It will be on the fourth floor (East Wing) of the U.C. at 8 PM Dec. 17.

To facilitate arrangements for those who will be going to Allentown State Hospital on January 6, 7, or 8 (all sessions from 1 - 3), please fill out the questionnaire below and return it to Box 762.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

I am going on Jan. 6\_\_\_\_, 7\_\_\_\_, 8\_\_\_\_.

I need transportation. Yes\_\_\_\_. No\_\_\_\_.

I have a car and can take \_\_\_\_ riders.

I need a make up permit for classes. Yes\_\_\_\_. No\_\_\_\_.



